

HIGH LIVING COST TO RECEIVE A JOLT

Washington Assured Quantities of Army Surplus Foods at Low Prices.

High cost of living is booked for a jolt in Washington.

Funds are assured for the purchase of large quantities of surplus Army supplies, and the food will be on its way to Washington homes in a few days unless the unexpected happens. John G. McGrath, president of the citizens' food council, was swamped with offers of loans yesterday with which to establish the purchasing fund and the amount of the night, that enough money was in sight to assure the project being carried out.

Result of The Star's Suggestion.

Suggestion made by The Star that citizens finance the food by which they might obtain Army foodstuffs at a big saving in cost has aroused widespread interest. The District Commissioners and many citizens who were familiar with the successful co-operative buying movement inaugurated in Park View by Mr. McGrath requested that he work out a plan for getting some of the Army's surplus stock to citizens here at low prices.

Details to Be Worked Out.

The best means of avoiding overheads, however, are yet to be determined. Volunteer service will be relied upon, but whether Mr. McGrath's plan will be carried out or not, the citizens' food council is a detail to be worked out. Mr. McGrath himself has been asked to donate the service of his undertaking. It is assumed school-buses will be selected for the distribution.

Baltimore is in the market for the Army food, and so are other cities. The situation in Washington is difficult because the Commission here is without authority to make appropriations. It was up to the citizens here to organize themselves if they would reap the estimated saving of 35 per cent said to be represented in the Army prices. The Commissioners believe the citizens' movement here will be as effective as that of the municipal governments elsewhere.

Some of the Quoted Prices.

Included in the Army stocks are canned pumpkins which may be bought at 10 cents a can, three-pound size; squash, 12½ cents a can; vinegar, 13 cents a gallon; peas, 15 cents for one pound; beans, 8½ cents for one pound; corn, 13½ cents for two-pound can; flour, 4 cents a pound; tomatoes, 11½ cents for a two-pound can; bacon, 47½ cents for twelve-pound can, hermetically sealed; corn meal, white, 2 cents a pound; meal, yellow, 4 cents a pound; syrup, 60 cents a gallon; corned beef, 48 cents for two-pound can.

AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 28.—Representative R. Walton Moore will represent the graduating class of the Alexandria High School at the annual commencement exercises of that school, which will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night in the school auditorium. Diplomas of graduation will be conferred on a class of thirty-two students, of whom are fifteen women and seventeen men. The salutatory will be delivered by Miss Irene Manly and the valedictory by Miss Adeline Adams.

The diplomas will be awarded by W. F. H. Fink, president of the school board. The banquet will be given by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace P. E. Church.

The following will graduate in the Alexandria High School:
Misses: Leonie Simms, Ruth Ward, Ida Harvey, Marion Adams, Minnie Baynes, Margaret Abramson, Elva Walters, Irene Manly, Almedia Park, Virginia Kennedy, Kate O'Neal, Margaret Linn, Rose Shapiro, Helen Barnard, Hilda Fulton, and Messrs: Charles Smith, Edgar Darns, Herbert O'Meara, Thomas Brooke Howard, Thomas Kelly, Leslie Deavers, Everett Pohl, George Smith, Purdie Downham, Alvin Friedlander, Hugh Marsh, Paul Spellman, Paul Barrett, William Blake, Edward Sumner, William Duval and Elmer Davis.

The order of closing the schools will be as follows: Washington School, 9 a. m.; Lee, 10 a. m.; End, 11:30 a. m. and High, 12:30 p. m.

Trades Council to Meet.

The Alexandria Trades Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday night in the opera house to discuss plans in behalf of the striking girls of the Western Union and Federal Telegraph companies. The meeting will be an open one and the public is invited to attend.

It is announced that at this meeting the question of having the government locate an Army store here will be taken up for consideration.

The chamber of commerce will be asked to send representatives to this meeting.

Will Install Officers.

W. Clifton Cunningham, district deputy grand master, during the coming month will install the recently elected officers of Odd Fellows in this city and other nearby points.

Dates for installation follow: July 3, Sarapita Lodge, this city; July 10, Falls Church, this city; July 11, Potomac Lodge, this city; July 16, Accotink Lodge, at Accotink.

Bells Proclaim Peace.

In honor of the signing of the peace treaty the fire engine and city hall bells in this city rang for the first time, and the ringing over the victory celebration was continued for ten minutes.

Mayer Fisher ordered the bells rung after he received official information that the White House had signed the peace treaty. Many persons on the streets at first were under the impression that a fire was in progress.

Recent Deaths.

Earl A. Sutherland, sixteen years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sutherland, died at night at the home of his parents, 635 South Lee street. Funeral services will be held at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home, conducted by Rev. G. J. Hill, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cora Clem took place this afternoon from her late residence, 110 North Payne street, and were conducted by Rev. G. P. Lloyd, pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

Brief Mention.

A guard from the state convicts need force came here this afternoon and conveyed five prisoners to work on the state road.

S. F. Lant, auctioneer, today sold at public auction the Rosemont apartment building, situated on the corner of Wisconsin and Royal streets, which was purchased by John G. Graham.

PLOW CRUSHES OUT LIFE OF PITMAN ON RAILWAY

Motorman Says Louis Marino Gave Signal for His Car to Proceed at Time of Accident.

Louis Marino, a pitman in the employ of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, was killed in the pit at Nicholson avenue and Messer street, Anacostia, last night shortly after 7 o'clock. He was caught between the plow and side of the pit and so badly crushed that he died before he could be taken to a hospital.

The deceased was thirty years old and lived at 233½ 4½ street southwest. Police of the eleventh precinct made an investigation and were told by Carroll Fiemer, motorman, that Marino gave him a signal to proceed.

Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest at the morgue tomorrow afternoon.

BOSTON GIVES OVATION TO "IRISH PRESIDENT"

BOSTON, June 28.—Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," was given a tumultuous greeting when he stepped off his train at the South station tonight on his arrival from New York. Cheers and shouts came from the throng which packed one end of the train shed and the sidewalks and streets outside the station.

Members of the city council who had been designated by Mayor Peters to welcome the Irish revolutionist to the city had difficulty in forcing a passage through the crowd to a waiting automobile. Escorted by several other cars, Mr. de Valera was taken to the Copley Plaza Hotel, the crowd closing in behind and on both sides and accompanying the automobiles for the entire distance. A band headed the procession.

Later in the evening Mr. de Valera was tendered a reception by the Gaelic Club. Mr. de Valera will address a mass meeting at Fenway Park tomorrow afternoon. On Monday he will speak before the state house representatives.

In a statement tonight Mr. de Valera expressed his appreciation of the reception and said that it made him feel as if he were "back in Ireland."

"The way in which I have been received in America," he said, "has convinced me that the cause of Ireland is about to triumph. I feel certain that the plain people everywhere love justice and fair play."

"Boston, where the revolution opened—what place could be more suitable in which to begin the work we have set about, that of pointing out to the American people that it still remains for them to finish the great work they started nearly 150 years ago."

"Your fathers fought and broke the chains that bound them to George III. We ask you to assist us in breaking the chains that bind us to George V."

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES.

TODAY.

California State Association pilgrimage to Joseph Miller cabin, Rock Creek Park, at 3 o'clock.

Wanderlusts' hike from Anacostia at 2:30 o'clock.

Election of officers of Zionist Organization from 1 to 4 o'clock at the Y. M. H. A. building, 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Dedication of the new Y. W. C. A. camp on Rockville road at 4 o'clock.

WILLIAMS FIGHT REVIVED.

Committee to Take Up Nomination of Controller Tomorrow.

The Senate banking and currency committee is expected to take up the nomination of John Skelton Williams to be controller of the currency at a meeting tomorrow morning. A hard fight against the confirmation of Mr. Williams is expected, and in some quarters the prediction is made he will not be confirmed.

Senator Calder of New York, a member of the committee, has introduced a bill to do away with the office of the controller and vest all the duties and powers of the controller in the Federal Reserve Board. He intends to push for action on this measure.

MOTOR CYCLE HITS CHILD.

Cuts and Bruises Inflicted on Head of Joseph Muth.

Joseph Muth, four years old, 22 O Street, while playing in front of 705 Kenyon street, where he was a visitor, yesterday afternoon, was struck by a motor cycle ridden by Frank E. Evans, 159 Columbia road, and his head cut and bruised.

Lloyd Carter, colored, 1013 1st street southwest, was knocked from a bicycle at Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street yesterday and slightly hurt about the head. He was taken to Emergency Hospital.

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Rev. John B. Creighton, S. J., president of the university, emphasized the spirit of self-sacrifice on the part of the professors, all of whom had been called upon to do extra work because nearly one-half of the professors of medicine and dentistry had gone into service, leaving their burdens on those who remained.

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The Texas Club will have the newly elected Texas delegation in Congress as its guests at a garden party on the evening of July 12 at the Chevy Chase School.

Sergt. Neodum Roberts, who with Sergt. Henry Johnson fought and killed thirty-six Germans in the Argonne forest, May 15, 1918, will speak at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, M street, July 3, at 8 o'clock. Roberts was the first colored soldier of the A. E. F. to receive the croix de guerre and the gold palm and star.

The Columbia Heights Citizens' Association will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at St. Stephen's Hall, 3017 14th street. Matters up for consideration will include a discussion of the half-and-half principle as proposed by Senator Curtis and several other important questions.

W. B. Colver of the Federal Trade Commission will be the speaker in the second of the series of lectures in the half of the new labor university at the Public Library tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock. His subject will be "War, Peace and the High Cost of Living." The public is invited.

M. Grant Lucas, Jr., of Dartmouth College, class of '20, has been named as winner of the Lockwood prize in that institution for excellence in the English branch in the junior class. Lucas is a Washington boy and a local high school graduate.

A jelly kitchen has been installed in the new home of the District of Columbia Chapter, Red Cross, at 16 Jackson place. Appeal is made for volunteers to make jelly and jam, which are later sent to the military hospitals.

A meeting of the members of the Home Defense League is called for 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in the boardroom of the District building. Instructions are to be given as to their duties on July 4, and the general plan of the festivities will be outlined by Capt. Glenn of the British embassy, who is the chief marshal of the parade.

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